GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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Supply of Generic Drugs
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government is supplying generic drugs free of cost in the hospitals and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the hospital authorities are not following the laid down norms in supplying the generic drugs freely and patents are not getting the drugs and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to keep check on over prescription and waste of drugs by the hospitals and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS; MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a): Public Health being a State subject, the primary responsibility of supply of medicines including lifesaving medicines free of cost to the patients in public/Government Healthcare Centres primarily lies with the State/UT Governments. Under the National Health Mission (NHM), support is provided to the States/UTs for strengthening their healthcare delivery system including for provision of free essential drugs to those who access public health facilities, based on the requirement posed by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans.
(b) & (c): Public Health being a State subject, the primary responsibility of putting in place a monitoring mechanism for proper utilization of funds and ensure free availability of quality drugs in public health centres/hospitals primarily lies with the State/UT Governments. Under NHM, support is also provided to States/UTs for putting in place IT enabled inventory management systems to track drug availability. The implementation and progress of the National Health Mission (NHM) including proper utilization of funds and ensuring free availability of quality drugs in public health centres/hospitals is monitored/ reviewed at the national level through Annual Common Review Missions. At the District Level, the 'District Level Vigilance & Monitoring Committees' are constituted to monitor the progress of implementation of NHM. Other mechanisms include external surveys such as Sample Registration Survey (SRS), the District Level Household Survey (DLHS) and National Family Health Survey (NFHS) besides regular monitoring visits from National Program Management Units to States & Districts and from States to Districts & Blocks. The Health Management Information Systems (HMIS) helps to monitor the performance of public health facilities. Under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), financial and technical support is provided to strengthen healthcare delivery system, particularly in rural areas.
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